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SUBJECT: COOLER DUTCH ATTITUDE TOWARD LIKE-MINDED STATES
CONFERENCES

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED A STRAW IN THE WIND INDICATING THAT THE
NEW DUTCH GOVERNMENT'S POLICY ON DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION WILL
BE MORE SENSITIVE TO THE CONCERNS OF IS EC PARTNERS.
THE DEPUTY OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS DIRECTORATE, G. RINGNALDA, TOLD US JANUARY 19
THAT FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER KLAAUW REJECTED A STAFF
RECOMMENDATION THAT THE MINISTER ATTEND THE CONFERENCE OF
LIKE-MINDED STATES IN STOCKHOLM JANUARY 30-31.
ACCORDING TO RINGNALDA, VAN DER KLAAUW QUESTIONED THE UTILITY
OF THE LIKE-MINDED STATES CONFERENCE AND WHETHER CONTINUED
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DUTCH PARTICIPATION WOULD BE APPRECIATED WITHIN THE EUROPEAN
COMMUNITY.

2. AT THIS MOMENT RINGNALDA AND HIS COLLEAGUE, F.
VAN DAM, THE CHIEF OF THE MINISTRY'S POLICY PLANNING
BUREAU, STILL EXPECT TO REPRESENT THE NETHERLANDS IN
STOCKHOLM. NEITHER VAN DER KLAAUW NOR DEVELOPMENT

MINISTER KONING WILL ATTEND.

3. COMMENT: A STRONG SUPPORTER OF THE LIKE-MINDED STATES GROUPING AND ITS AIMS, RINGNALDA CLEARLY WAS DISAPPOINTED BY HIS NEW MINISTER'S ATTITUDE. TO US VAN DER KLAUW'S CONCERN FOR THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY IS AS MUCH AN INDICATION OF CHANGE AS ARE HIS VIEWS ON THE LIKE-MINDED STATES. THE LATTER WAS POPULAR WITH FORMER DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION MINISTER PRONK, WHO WAS WARY OF BEING BOUND BY EUROPEAN COMMUNITY CONSENSUS BECAUSE HE FELT IT RESTRICTED HIS ABILITY TO DEAL WITH THE THIRD WORLD.
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